



Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

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MSU ARC Meeting – April 7, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President John Coyle, W4PJC, at 7:00 pm

He noted that it was the 796th meeting of the MSU Amateur Radio Club

Roll Call & Question of the Night: Name, call sign, and “Who will be the Net Control Operator for the May 25th net?” THANK YOU Larry Call, KD6UNL, for volunteering. Others who are able to provide backup for future calls are Bill Call, KJ4W, Tracy McKinney, W4IRT.

Program: John Coyle, W4PJC, presented on Configuring XIEGU-G90 for FT8 with a PERformer antenna

- FT8 is ideal for low power and poor band conditions
- Used WSJT-X software
- John showed the G90 cable configuration – www.ontheworkbench.com has configuration slides
- He showed his antenna and its setup
- The G90 unit
 - Few buttons
 - Buttons share multiple purposes
- After testing, he concluded that the PERformer antenna worked well and reduced rf noise
 - The XIEGU-G90 was very good for FT8
 - He made contacts as far away as Kenya and Australia on 20 watts

Vice President’s Report: The vice president position is current vacant

Secretary’s Report: The minutes were emailed by John and no changes or corrections were offered. Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval, Larry Call, KD6UNL, seconded. Motion passed.

Advisor’s Report: No report.

QSL Manager’s Report: No report.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, made one deposit of \$275.00, and has additional money to deposit soon. He paid one expense by debit card for renewal of club liability insurance for \$300.00. Bank balance is \$3,251.89. As of this afternoon we had received 2026 dues from 63 members. 2026 dues are now past due, and only those who are current members should be voting on club decisions.

Systems’ Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, tried removing the in-line wattmeter that has been on the 146.940 repeater for many years, to see if that might reduce the noise issues. The noise issues seemed better on last night’s net; noise that was heard sounds very much like external interference, instead of internally generated noise that has been such a problem recently. He still needs to replace the 443.800 repeater’s bent mast. He has had to re-start the HF Winlink station’s computer twice since last meeting. Stuart KN4RGB has been working on a couple of failed computers. Other than that, the repeaters, digipeaters, EchoLink and Winlink nodes are all working OK now as far as he knows.



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VE Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, said that we did not have a license exam session after the March club meeting, but we do have a couple of requests for tonight. The General Class license study course continues with 3 in regular attendance; we will meet again this Thursday and maybe for one more session after this week.

Post Office Update: Bill Call reported that because of the problems at the MSU Post Office, the official FCC mailing address for K4MSU and for W4GZ have been changed to 102 N. 5th Street which is the PAARS address. He went through the ARRL-VEC to make this change and they made the process easy; they have not charged us for doing this, since we are an Affiliated Club. He thanked Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, and PAARS for their help with this need. No mail has been received at this address yet. We may wish to get some new QSL Cards that show the new address.

CERT Report: Bill Call reported that we already had a starting list of names for the fall class from people who attended the recent tornado shelter.

Josh Kerr, WV40, reported that there were 180 people at the last shelter along with a number of pets. He hopes to schedule a CPR class soon.

CERT volunteers who have passed the background check should notify him if they wish to be added to hyper-reach text and/or email notifications when volunteers are needed. Please send him your cell number and/or email if you want to be contacted for volunteer opportunities.

Josh has a new ID printer and will be printing badges for CERT volunteers. Stop by his office at 201 S. 4th Street to pick up your badge if you have passed a background check.

Net Manager Report: John Coyle, W4PJC, presented the March statistics from Chuck Williams, K4CHW, who was absent.

- **5 Sessions of the 2 meter net**
 - 118 operators.
 - 178 minutes
 - 350.06 operator hours
- **Details**
 - 03/02 24 stations for 30 minutes
 - 03/09 24 stations for 46 minutes
 - 03/16 29 stations for 46 minutes
 - 03/23 23 stations for 38 minutes
 - 03/30 18 stations for 18 minutes
- **SKYWARN Nets**
 - 03/04/26 21 stations for 39 minutes = 13.65 operator hours
 - 03/15/26 24 stations for 65 minutes = 26.0 operator hours

Web Manager Report: No report.



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Club Spring Fox Hunt:

- **Rescheduled for April 18**
- The Legion Hall is reserved
- Denis will be the starter since John can't be there
- **Be sure to email Debbie at w8ibt.debbie@gmail.com with the food you plan to bring to the hunt.**

Special Events:

- Spring Fox Hunt – April 18
- Kentucky POTA Campout, Taylorsville Lake State Park, September 25-27

Old Business:

We still need a volunteer to coordinate Elmer days.

The Field Day venue tour went well at the Extension Office. Next committee meeting will be after the PAARS quarterly meeting on April 20.

New Business: John found a new location for the Christmas dinner since Hop Hound closed. He has reserved a room at the Big Apple on December 1st at 6:00pm.

Robin Bracken, K4MNM, has requested a presentation for the Extension Service Staff regarding the Ham Radio Field Day. She will get back to John about possible dates.

New Members: Two applications were received. Bill Call, KJ4W moved and Larry Call, KD6UNL, seconded the application from Sherry Keller-Hudgins, KR4IJG. David Henderson, WS4DAV, was approved after a motion from Larry and second from Tracy McKinney, W4IRT.

Officer Election:

President: Bill Call, KJ4W, nominated John Coyle, W4PJC, for another term. Seconded by Debbie Barton, W8IBT. Motion carried.

Vice President: Continues Vacant. Please consider volunteering for this important office.

Secretary: Debbie Barton, W8IBT, nominated Donna Pursifull, K4DPE, for another term. Seconded by Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Donna Pursifull, K4DPE, nominated Bill Call, KJ4W, for another term. Seconded by Debbie Barton, W8IBT. Motion carried.

Other offices will continue with current volunteers: PIO – Donna Pursifull; Net Manager- Chuck Williams; Social Media – Tracy McKinney; Web Manager-Josh Kerr; QSL Manager-Debbie Barton.



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Adjournment: Debbie Barton moved for adjournment. Josh Kerr seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Attendance: 32 People

John Coyle, W4PJC

Dale Peer, KF7ZBK

Colleen Pulcifer, guest

Joe Thweatt, KO4ASK

George Rob, KK4SRR

Mark Germain, KC9FOC

David Barr, KA5JDO

Larry Call, KD6UNL

Bill Call, KJ4W

Valerie Barrett, KG4OCJ

Dale Barrett, WB7D

Charlie Isele, N1CDK

Donna Pursifull, K4DPE

Josh Kerr, WV40

Don Edwards, K4MKY

William Boggess, KR4DVK

Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM

Helen Atkinson, Guest

David Henderson, WS4DAV

Tracy McKinney, W4IRT

Denis Barton, WB8SKP

Debbie Barton, W8IBT

Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA

Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU

George James, KY4GMJ

Steve Fricker, KQ4FCI

Jan Fricker, Guest

James Flood, KJ4TKL

Bill Barley, KO4TVH

Robin Bracken, K4MNM

Sherry Keller, KR4IJG

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna Pursifull, K4DPE,
Secretary*